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THE KOREAN SITUATION

SUMMARY. THE FIRST REACTION TO THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT IN PRC-
OWNED MEDIA VIEWS THE RECENT DMZ INCIDENT AS A PROVACTIVE
MOVE BY THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREANS TO INCREASE TENSION AS PART
OF A POLITICAL STRATEGY KEYED TO THE UPCOMING UNGA DISCUSSION
ON KOREA. IT CONCLUDES, "WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT" AS
A RESULT OF U.S.-ROK ACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE HONG KONG WEN WEI PAO AUGUST 20 PROVIDES THE FIRST
REACTION IN PRC-OWNED MEDIA TO THE RECENT INCIDENT IN THE DMZ.
IT PREDICTABLY ACCUSES THE U.S.-SOUTH KOREAN SIDE OF HAVING
PROVOKED THE DMZ INCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF TWO
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AMERICAN OFFICERS. AFTER NOTING USG STATEMENTS HOLDING THE NORTH

KOREANS RESPONSIBLE, IT ALLEGES THAT THIS INCIDENT AND RECENT U.S.-ROK ACTIONS ARE PART OF A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO CREATE TENSION IN KOREA AS PART OF A POLITICAL PLOT AIMED AT PROVIDING A PRETEXT FOR THE U.S. FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE NORTH KOREAN-BACKED UNGA RESOLUTION ON KOREA.

2. THE COMMENTARY SPELLS OUT THE DEMANDS CONTAINED IN THE HOSTILE 30TH UNGA RESOLUTION AND POINTS OUT THAT THE KOREAN SITUATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA WITH THE ALGERIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AGAIN BEING PROPOSED. CONSEQUENTLY, IT MAINTAINS THAT THE U.S. AND THE PAK REGIME ARE PLAYING THEIR OLD TRICKS AND HAVE AGAIN CREATED A "TEMPORARY WAR SITUATION."

3. THE COMMENTARY CONTENDS THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND EVEN STRENGTHEN THE "PAK PUPPETS" POWER. IT REPEATS RECENT CHINESE ASSERTIONS THAT THE U.S. HAS MOVED DESTRUCTIVE, INCLUDING NUCLEAR, WEAPONS INTO KOREA ON A LARGE SCALE AND IS MASSING TROOPS ALONG THE DMZ. THE COMMENTARY ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE FACT THAT SOUTH KOREA IS ON WAR-TIME ALERT BUT FAILS TO MENTION THE STATUS OF NORTH KOREAN FORCES. THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDES, "IT CAN BE SAID" THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME ON THE KOREAN PENINSUL. CROSS

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